

as chaplain of the regiment, until the close of the war, won, by his ministerial and beneficent offices, the affectionate regard of its members. On the organization of the National Guard of the state of New York, Captain Swartwout was appointed, on May 30, 1867, by Governor Reuben B. Fenton, an aide-de-camp in the tenth brigade, third division of the National Guard, with the rank of cap-



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tain, from May 25, 1867. Having discharged for ten years the duties incumbent upon him as senior aide-de-camp, in the tenth brigade, Captain Swartwout tendered his resignation, and, at his request, was honorably discharged from service in the National Guard, on June 29, 1877. Governor Lucius Robinson, by virtue of the authority with which he was invested by the legislature of the state of New York empowering him to confer brevet-rank upon any officer,